PUBLIC HEARING

Limitation of Administrative Costs Waiver FY24 Amended Budget

- The Public Hearing was called to order with Roll Call **at 6:30PM**. Board members present upon roll call: Nelson, Wagner, Balmer, Smock, and Yates. Lower arrived at 6:32 p.m. A quorum was present.
- Mr. Petrie explained the changes from the budget presented in September which included additional architectural and construction costs and additional personnel costs related to several long-term substitutes.
- Mr. Petrie discussed the changes from the Amended Budget posted after the May meeting. The working cash transfer to the operations and maintenance fund is needed due to the accelerated rate of construction at the Apollo and New Boston projects.
- No public comments were made.
 - There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer to adjourn the hearing at 6:41 PM. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #404, MERCER, HENDERSON, & ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, ILLINOIS.

The Board of Education of Mercer County School District #404, Mercer, Henderson, & Rock Island Counties, Illinois, convened at a regular meeting at *the Mercer County Junior High School Music Room*, *1002 SW 6th Street, Aledo, IL* on Wednesday, **June 20, 2024** at 6:41 PM.

Prior to Roll Call, President Bill Smock opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present upon roll call: Smock, Nelson, Wagner, Yates, Balmer and Lower.

A quorum was present.

Absent: Monson.

Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principal Cooper.

Also in Attendance: Athletic Director Dustin Murray, Recording Secretary Leanne McDermott. Reporters: None.

| | No. 01 | No. 02 | No. 03 | No. 04 | No. 05 | No. 06 | No. 07 | No. 08 | No. 09 | No. 10 | No. 11 | No. 12 | No. 13 |
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| Balmer | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | VOICE | AYE | AYE | VOICE | VOICE | VOICE | VOICE | AYE |
| Lower | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | | AYE | AYE | | | | | AYE |
| Monson | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | | | | | - |
| Nelson | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | | AYE | AYE | | | | | AYE |
| Smock | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | | AYE | AYE | | | | | AYE |
| Wagner | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | | AYE | AYE | | | | | AYE |
| Yates | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | | AYE | AYE | | | | | AYE |

| | No. 14 | No. 15 | No. 16 | No. 17 | No. 18 | No. 19 | No. 20 | No. 21 | No. 22 | No. 23 | No. 24 | No. 25 |
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| Balmer | AYE | AYE | AYE | VOICE | AYE | VOICE |
| Lower | AYE | AYE | AYE | | AYE | |
| Monson | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Nelson | AYE | AYE | AYE | | AYE | |
| Smock | AYE | AYE | AYE | ΛC | AYE | VC |
| Wagner | AYE | AYE | AYE | | AYE | |
| Yates | AYE | AYE | AYE | | AYE | |

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Lower to approve the following items on the consent agenda with the omission of the Brown real estate purchase property.
 - 1.1 Meeting Minutes May 15, 2024
 - a. Special Meeting Minutes May 20, 2024
 - b. Special Meeting Minutes May 21, 2024
 - c. Special Meeting Minutes June 3, 2024
 - d. Special Meeting Minutes June 5, 2024
 - 1.2 Bill List
 - 1.3 Treasurer's Report
 - 1.4 Financial Report
 - 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
 - 1.6 Intent to Retire for MCJH Counselor Donna Boswell in 2027-2028
 - 1.7 Resignation of District Math Coach Dr. Amanda Carson
 - 1.8 Resignation of Speech-Language Pathologist Kristen Adams
 - 1.9 Resignation of PreK Teacher Aysa Fisher
 - 1.10 Resignation of 7th Grade Girls basketball coach-Monica Dennison

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

PROPERTY CASUALTY LIABILIY RENEWAL

 There was a motion by Wagner, seconded by Lower, to approve the Property Casualty Liability Renewal at the price of \$190,886.24.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

WORKERS COMPENSATION RENEWAL

 There was a motion by Lower, seconded by Nelson, to approve the Workers Compensation Renewal at the price of \$51,389.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

WORKING CASH TO OPERATING MANTEINANCE FUND TRANSFER

 There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer to approve the permanent transfer of \$2 million in working cash to the operating maintenance fund. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

FY24 BUDGET AMENDMENT

 There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Nelson to approve the FY24 Budget Amendment and deficit reduction plan.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

2024-2025 BOARD MEETING DATES

6. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Lower to approve the 2024-2025 board meeting dates with the date change of the Community Forum from April 8, 2025 to April 9, 2025.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

PREVAILING WAGE RESOLUTION

7. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Lower to approve the adoption of the prevailing wage resolution.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

BCBS RENEWAL

8. There was a motion by Lower, seconded by Balmer to approve BCBS renewal. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

NBE FY25 HANDBOOK

9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates to approve New Boston Elementary's FY25 Handbook as presented. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

APOLLO FY25 HANDBOOK

10. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Nelson to approve Apollo Elementary's FY25 Handbook as presented.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

JUNIOR HIGH FY25 HANDBOOK

11. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates to approve Mercer County Junior High's FY25 Handbook as presented.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

HIGH SCHOOL FY25 HANDBOOK

12. There was a motion by Wagner, seconded by Nelson to approve Mercer County High's FY25 Handbook without the implementation of the Latin Honor System, VAL/SAL and class rank. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

FY25 HS HANDBOOK TABLE LATIN HONOR SYSTEM

13. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Wagner to table the Mercer County High's FY25 Handbook with the Latin Honor System, VAL/SAL and class rank until the July Board meeting. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

PURCHASE BROWN HOME

14. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer to purchase the property at 1401 SE 2nd Avenue, Aledo, IL in the amount of \$138,156.37. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

SICK LEAVE BANK FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

15. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Nelson to approve a sick leave bank for non-union employees.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

16. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Lower, to go into Closed Session at 8:40 PM.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried. **10.1 Personnel**

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

OPEN SESSION

17. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Nelson to come out of closed session at 9:12 PM. Voice: Majority of Ayes. Motion carried.

HIRE SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

18. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approve hiring Caitlyn Merkel as speech language pathologist.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE COOK

19. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to approve hiring Ashley Christie as cook. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RE-HIRE MCJH FALL SPORTS COACHES

20. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to approve re-hiring MCJH fall sports coaches as presented. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE 7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

21. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to approve hiring Holly Stakers as 7th grade girls basketball coach.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

22. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to approve hiring Emma Skovronski as 8th grade girls basketball coach.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE THREE APOLLO ELEMENTARY PARAPROFESSSIONALS

 There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to approve hiring Carrie Walter, Ashley Weeks and Kasara Osborne as paraprofessionals at Apollo Elementary. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE MCJH SECRETARY

24. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to approve hiring Katie Hill as junior high secretary. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

25. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM. Voice: Majority of Ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: 1. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 2. None.

CORRESPONDENCE: 3. A thank you card from Teresa Dillie's family was shared.

BOARD COMMENTS: 4. None.

FOIA REQUESTS: 5. There was a request from FS regarding the Fuel Bids.

FY25 HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK: 6. Members had general questions regarding the FY25 high school handbook updates which Andrea Cooper addressed. There were several concerns with the Latin Honor System which Andrea addressed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: 7. A small Building and Grounds meeting was held in June. Andrea spoke regarding the high school's potential for bathroom renovations near the lobby.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: 8. Written reports were given. Mrs. Cooper stated that advisory time has been used in many capacities with more instruction time planning to be utilized in FY25. She will include more data at next month's meeting to show the different capacities/parameters advisories can be used.

Submitted by:

Recording Secretary

President, Bd. of Education

Approved: _____

Secretary, Bd. of Education